

ABSTRACT

In a device for restraining the deterioration of a catalytic apparatus of an internal combustion engine of
5 the present invention, when the temperature of the catalytic apparatus arranged in the engine exhaust system is higher than a predetermined temperature in a vehicle deceleration, a fuel-cut of the engine is prohibited and a first motor-generator MG2 connected with the vehicle
10 drive shaft 6 is operated as a generator to charge an electrical accumulator 8.